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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1522

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, PN

SUBJECT: FDA REJECTION OF PANAMA SHRIMP IMPORTS TO U.S.

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COMPLAINTS FROM PANAMANIAN SHRIMP EXPORTERS, INCLUDING ONE U.S. SUBSIDIARY, THAT APPARENT CHANGE IN U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) INSPECTION PROCEDURES OVER PAST 2 TO 3 MONTHS HAS RESULTED IN REJECTIONS OF UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF SHIPMENTS OF SHRIMP FROM PANAMA AND GREATLY INCREASED DELAY PENDING INSPECTORS' DECISIONS. SHIPPERS CONTEND THAT QUALITY OF SHRIMP RECENTLY SHIPPED AS GOOD AS THAT EXPORTED IN RECENT YEARS WHEN SHIPMENTS RARELY REJECTED BY INSPECTORS AND REQUEST GUIDANCE ON WHAT THEY MIGHT DO TO ALLEVIATE CURRENT SITUATION WHICH CAUSING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES FOR THEM. ONE SUGGESTED PREINSPECTION LOCALLY BY US MILITARY OR CANAL ZONE OFFICIALS AS POSSIBILITY. THOSE IN DIRECT INFORMAL CONTACT WITH EMBASSY REPORTED SOME SHIPPERS DESIRED LODGE FORMAL COMPLAINT THROUGH GOP BUT THUS FAR HAVE BEEN DISSUADED.

2. THE DPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION WITH FDA AND TO ADVISE THE EMBASSY AS TO HOW THE SHRIMP EXPORTERS SHOULD BE ANSWERED.

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